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Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among American men. This year, approximately 17,240 men in California will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and more than 3,050 men are expected to die. Nearly 60% of prostate cancers are diagnosed among men aged 65 and older. African American men are especially at high risk.

It doesn't have to be that way. Decades of innovative research have helped to reduce prostate cancer's mortality through more effective prevention, early detection and treatment. By working to raise awareness of prostate cancer, we can help men make better, more informed decisions about their health.

To achieve this goal, the California Prostate Cancer Coalition, an all-volunteer non-profit organization, has promoted September, of each year, as Prostate Cancer Awareness month so all California men and the people who care about them, are aware that prostate cancer is preventable, detectable through screening, and curable if detected early.

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I THEREFORE MOVE, THAT THE BOARD:

1 Urge all men in Los Angeles County, especially those at high risk, to talk with their health care providers about the benefits of prostate cancer prevention, screening and early detection and treatment.

2. Commend the California Prostate Cancer Coalition and its volunteers for their efforts in this and past years to raise awareness in Los Angeles County through their September Prostate Cancer Awareness month campaign.

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